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## SMALL TORQUE



1989 Mazda MX5 Convertible

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## STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Note: To participate in any event, eligibility criteria and entry requirements put in place by organisers must be satisfied.

**The next meeting of the VCCA (Tas) Executive committee will be held at 10.30am on Sunday August 16, 2026 at the Northern Section Clubrooms, Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.**

**Club Regalia:** Club Polo T-shirts, vests and Jackets available for order. Please contact Karina Williams 0450 706 519 for prices and orders.

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**Please renew your membership to  
maintain your VC plate registration.**

**Your renewal form was in the centre of  
July's Small Torque.**

**Send your completed renewal form  
to your Section Treasurer before the  
end of August.**

### **Front Page Photograph**

*This month's front cover photo is the 1989 Mazda MX5 Convertible  
of Mandie Cullen*

## **President's Prattle**

I would like to start by thanking all those who came to the State AGM at the end of June. It is always good to get a good spread of members from all over the State. Also, thanks to those who have run the Club for the past year along with the helpers who don't hold official positions, but without who's effort it would not be half as good a Club.

I would also like to thank all those people who have taken on positions on their section committees, because without you the whole show would grind to a halt. One position still needs to be filled, that of executive secretary. It is probably the most important job in the Club, so if you think you would like to take it on you can be sure of the support of the exec and former holders of the position while you find your feet.

I thank Pam Sly for taking over as State editor while Bob Wickham is away as not many of us have the computer skills to do that job.

At the AGM Jill Hawkins was appointed Club member of the year for the huge amount of effort she has put in to the Veteran Tours of Tassie which drew entrants from other states and even from the UK. Congratulations for a job well done. She was also the latest recipient of the Montague Trophy, an Australia wide award for service to the Veteran Car movement.

We have had several new members join us over the last few months so please if you see someone at an event that you don't recognise please make sure they are made welcome. We as a Club have a heritage passed on to us by prior generations of members who have provided all three sections with Clubrooms that are the envy of other groups, motoring and others, who are finding it harder and harder to find meeting places and storage areas for their gear. Just imagine what it would cost us now to replace our facilities with the cost of land and buildings. So, every time you come to the club don't forget to thank them for the effort that they put into getting the Club where it is now.

Apparently, some members missed out on their June issue of Small Torque. They didn't get returned to the club mailing address so I have no idea where they ended up. If you do miss out in future let your section editor know and at least we can send you an electronic copy if the spare ones have already been used.

Happy old car motoring till next month.

*Joe Clippingdale*

## **Northern Section Events and Meetings**

The Northern Section Clubrooms at 67 Lawrence Vale Road are open on Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Come in for a cuppa and a chat and visit the spare parts shed. All members state wide are welcome.

**NOTE: - VC vehicle inspections please** contact the Northern Section Technical Officer, Ashley Monks, on 6344 3134 or 0409 703 440 for an appointment that is mutually convenient.

**Veteran Car Sheet Metal Work** - every Friday 9.00am until early afternoon. Build your own vehicle body or just a bonnet or mudguard. Other projects also catered for. Just come along to the downstairs workshop at the Clubrooms to become involved. You will be made most welcome

### **August 2026**

**Sunday 2nd - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown** – Hosted by Don Mario's restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please.

**Friday 7th - Northern Section Committee Meeting** – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by General meeting at 7.30 at Northern Clubrooms, 67 Lawrence Vale Road, Launceston.

**Sunday 9th - Wheels to Westbury** – Come for an Egg & Bacon roll or Devonshire tea on the 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green.

**Wednesday 12th – “Cook's Night Off”** - Feel like a night off? Join your fellow club members on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This month at Osteria @Lonnies (Italian), 56 Wellington Street at 6.00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Teena on 0418 509 029.

**Saturday 15th - Visit to Rob Knott's Collection of racing memorabilia** at Wellington Street, Longford (next to Brown's Store) at 10.30 a.m. Followed by lunch at Bracknell Hotel. Meet for morning tea if you wish at JJ's Bakery Longford. Will require numbers for lunch to Mike on 0458 944 001.

### **September 2026**

**Friday 4th - Northern Section Committee Meeting** – commencing at 7.00 p.m. followed by General meeting at 7.30 at Northern Clubrooms.

**Sunday 6th - Classic cars and coffee Georgetown** – Hosted by Don Mario's restaurant. Park in council car park in the Main St. 9.00 a.m.–3.00 p.m. but come and go as you please.

**Monday 7th - Display and rides at Westbury Community Health** at 10.15 a.m. for morning tea. Please let Mike know if you are able to help out on 0458 944 001.

**Wednesday 9th – “Cook’s Night Off”** - Feel like a night off? Join your fellow club members on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. This month at Newstead Hotel, Elphin Road, Newstead. Entry off David Street at 6.00 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Teena on 0418 509 029.

**Sunday 13th - Wheels to Westbury** - Coffee & cars 2nd Sunday each month from 10.00 a.m. Meet at the RSL near Village Green.

**Sunday 13th - Sunday lunch at Carrick Inn Hotel** at 12.30. You can make your own way there or you can join Wheels to Westbury in the morning and make your way to Carrick, **BUT** you must book for lunch. Numbers to Mike 0458 944 001 by Monday 8th September.

**Sunday 20th – Sheffield Classics & Coffee** - See North West section for details.

**Thursday 24th - Run to Mystery Lunch Venue** - Meet at Carrick, leaving at 10.30 a.m. numbers to Mike for lunch - 0458 944 001.

**N.B.** Please be aware of all current COVID19 restrictions when attending events.

### New Members

The Northern Section welcome new members –

Stephen Michael and Brad Fox of Riverside. No car as yet.

Vaughan and Tammy-Lea Oldham of Pyengana. They own a 1930 Chevrolet Tourer.

***The Northern Section has taken the baton and will host our 70th Platinum Jubilee State Tour in 2027. See Page 23.***



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Tony Langlois

## **North West Section Events**

**Covid and flu related ailments are on the move at the moment, please do not attend any club functions if you have any of these symptoms.**

NB Please send Inserts for Small Torque to me before, the 12th of the month.  
lbell.chambers @bigpond.com

**Sunday 26th July - 2026 MYSTERY CAR RUN**, Covers 120km. return.  
(includes **3km** of good gravel road)

**Meet at Frankford Road Junction, East Devonport, at 9.20am for 9.30am departure.** (Competition Paperwork to be filled out prior to departure)

Ladies we have a special garden for you to view.

Men we have cars, trucks and tractors for you to drool over.

Morning tea with Scones, Jam & Cream, Lunch is set menu, Roast, Fish or Chicken. Payment of morning tea, lunch, etc. is your responsibility.

Admission by way of donation is required for venues.

Northern members welcome. **Please contact Malcolm on 0423 254 741**

## **AUGUST**

**Sunday 2nd August - General Meeting starting at 10.30am. Contact Doug Eastley on 0427 490 540**

**Wednesday 5th August - NW Cuppa & Chat at 1.30pm at the clubrooms.**

Come along for a Cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare Parts and library will be open, have a look you may find a spare part or book to read.

Sign Attendance Book, hand sanitizer provided. To protect fellow members' health, **please do not attend if you have a cough or flu like symptoms**.

Any questions please contact me on 0438 282 443. Laurie Bellchambers.

**Wednesday 5th August – Committee meeting starting at 6pm at the clubrooms. Contact Doug Eastley on 0427 490 540**

**Sunday 16th August - Monthly Sheffield classics and coffee.** 3rd Sunday of each month from 10am and 3pm. Come and go as you please but don't forget to enjoy Sheffield murals, shops, cafes. Parking beside and behind the Sheffield RSL and Citizens Club, 77 Main Street Sheffield.

– **Contact Andrew Ayton – 0438 381 712**

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday 2nd September - NW Cuppa & Chat at 1.30pm at the clubrooms.**

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– **Contact Andrew Ayton – 0438 381 712**

**Saturday 26th September - Car run organised by Roger Hill & Jodi Gowardman.** Depart "Burnie Yacht Club", 10am, travel to Table Cape Lighthouse, and then proceed to the Dip Falls. Lunch at the Blue Hills Honey Café. Coffee at Boat harbour Beach on the way home. Numbers for lunch at Blue Hills Café, to me by the 21st September. **Contact Roger Hill on 0437 523 989**

## **OCTOBER**

**Sunday 4th October - General Meeting starting at 10.30am. Contact Doug Eastley on 0427 490 540**

**Wednesday 7th October - NW Cuppa & Chat at 1.30pm at the clubrooms.** Come along for a Cuppa and enjoy the company of fellow members. Spare Parts and library will be open, have a look you may find a spare part or book to read. Sign Attendance Book, hand sanitizer provided. To protect fellow members' health, **please do not attend if you have a cough or flu like symptoms.** Any questions please contact me on **0438 282 443. Laurie Bellchambers.**

**Wednesday 7th October - Committee meeting starting at 6pm at the clubrooms. Contact Doug Eastley on 0427 490 540**

**Thursday 22nd to Monday 26th - Trip to the West Coast - 5 days – 4 nights**  
**Saturday 31st October - Family day – 200 years of European Settlement at Stanley.** The club has been invited to join in the Stanley Bicentenary weekend activities. Please arrive by 10.00am.  
"Activities" are at the Recreation ground around the parade, working displays, food vans available.  
"Parade"- floats decorated bikes open to community groups including the VCCA.

Working and other displays include:- working Bullocks, steam engines draught horses, Russell and Molly the border collies as seen on ABC Muster dogs, blacksmiths, shingle splitter, butter maker, historical machinery club, Veteran Car Club.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Sunday 1st November** - Free open day at Highfield House with guest speakers, grounds open no charge, welcome to bring a picnic.

All weekend "Julie Burgess" will be available for two hour tours of the Bay.

Sounds like it will be a good weekend. Will Email more info later.

**Saturday 28th November** - Circular Head Show Stanley. More details to follow.

*Laurie Bellchambers*



***Gary Overton Spraypainting***

***0487 454 566***

***Classic Restorations***  
***Resprays and Minor Touch ups***

## **Southern Section Events Calendar**

**NOTE :** *Aiming for regular monthly runs of interest pre planned in advance for plenty of notice. We'll try for as many destinations close to Hobart with shelter and some hosted by members.*

**WE ALSO WELCOME ANY IDEA FOR A CLUB OUTING OR A RUN WITH A MEAL AT A PUB. YOUR EVENTS TEAM CAN ASSIST YOU -**

**BOB - 0431 896 172 or TONY - 0447 148 353 or any Committee Member**

**SMALL TORQUE MAGAZINE ARTICLES** *If you have any items for Small Torque – car related For Sales or Wanted, or stories of your first car, your first restoration etc. or anything you think would be of interest to other enthusiasts - please submit to Section Editor before the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

**Editor – Pam at [pamandrog@bigpond.com](mailto:pamandrog@bigpond.com)**

### **NOTE MONTHLY SHED NIGHTS AT CLUBROOMS**

*Listed in calendar by Date – This will be the 2nd Friday after our General Meeting. This gives ample time to discuss the shed night content at a Tuesday meeting and then giving at least a full week to organise. FEEL FREE to be involved as show 'n tell or just an attendee* **CONTACT FOR INFO:**

**BOB on 0431 896 172 or JOE on 0407 431 643 or TONY on 0447 148 353**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS will be held the THIRD WEDNESDAY each month at 12 noon in Clubrooms.**

### **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY - PREWAR VEHICLE DISPLAY**

Bring your pre 1940s Car, Bike, Truck, Original or Restored or Hotrod.

BRIGHTON HOTEL 9.30am -12noon, Rear carpark, behind bakery, grab a bakery coffee or a snack. Or have a pub lunch.

Always the last Sunday monthly - hopefully see you for the next one August 30th  
Same time same place.

### **AUGUST - WHAT'S ON**

#### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST - CLASSICS ON THE BEACH - CARS and COFFEE**

Lower Sandy Bay Beach from 9am - Make your own way there - 1st Sunday Monthly

#### **TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - GENERAL MEETING AT CLUBROOMS AT 7.30pm.**

#### **WEDNESDAYS – AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Club rooms open from 12 noon – All welcome** Come on out to your club rooms and meet fellow members – you may like to help out if anything needs doing – it is always appreciated. Have a cuppa and a chat. Check the spares shed - you may find a part you need. The Library has lots of interesting items, including photos – so come on out and see what is available to borrow.

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – BULLOCK FESTIVAL OATLANDS**  
(Annual) 10am to 4pm. The Esplanade, Oatlands, Tasmania.

**CLUBROOMS SHED NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - SHED NIGHT – CLUBROOMS – VISITORS WELCOME**

169 Tea Tree Road, Brighton.

A range of discussions take place with our Fiat project for an ongoing topic or a hands on. Welcoming member's input if you're enthused with a project or topic. From 5.30 - call in for a chin wag, coffee/tea or BYO other. BBQ will be on so come for a Snag.

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – Cars and Coffee at Richmond**

9am onwards to 12 noon at the AMAZE in the carpark. Make your own way there. This event is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, similar to "Classics on the Beach".

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – COMMITTEE MEETING - 12 noon in Clubrooms.**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST – PUB RUN to THE BUSH INN, NEW NORFOLK**

Meet at Clubrooms by 11am for Coffee and natter, leave for The Bush Inn about 12noon for lunch at 12.30.

Numbers are required please by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August to Lyn on 0419 285 654.

**SEPTEMBER - WHAT'S ON**

**TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER - GENERAL MEETING - CLUBROOMS 7.30pm.**

**WEDNESDAYS – SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

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### **PRIOR NOTICE FROM SHANNONS**

**CONVERTIBLE CAR SHOW** supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**. (See page 17)

This event over the last 8 years has raised over 30k for NBCF research. The day is also being supported by the Rotary Club of Lindisfarne.

**Club & non club convertibles most welcome on the day, no entry form or entry fee.**

## **The Davis Divan**

Throughout the history of automotive design there has seen some unusual machines produced.

The Tucker being one, but also most unusual was the Davis Divan produced 1947 to 1949.

The brainchild of used car salesman Glen Gordon "Gary" Davis.

A custom 3-wheeler convertible built by the Davis Motorcar Co. Florida US.

Two proto-types were initially produced in California using both 47 hp and 63 hp versions coupled to 3 speed Borg Warner manual gearboxes.

They were a 2.6lt / 160ci 4 cylinder.

These 2 prototypes were to show investors prior to hopeful mass production.

Only a handful, said to be around 13, were made for sale.

Sadly, liquidation soon followed, with Davis convicted of fraud and grand theft from failing to keep promises to investors.

All units were in fact given to creditors never making it to the showroom floor.

Amazingly 12 have actually survived to collectors' hands.



The strange aircraft designed styling had disc brakes hidden headlights and built in jacks. Using a single front wheel and 2 at the rear.

Not to forget the 4 abreast front single bench seat.

A removable fibreglass top and aluminium body.

These 3 wheelers capable of 116mph while getting 50mpg.

Davis claiming his much stable at speed design, would perform a U turn safely at 55mph.

Cost was \$1,600 USD.

3 Military versions were also produced.

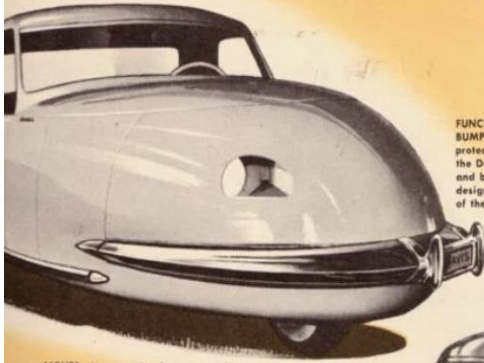
Davis was in later years, recognised as the creator of the “Dodge Em Car” that we are all familiar with today.

Prior to his death in 1973, he attempted using the Dodge em car design of wrap around bumper fronts, on 3-wheeler road cars, but this never got off the drawing board.

*Tony Langlois*

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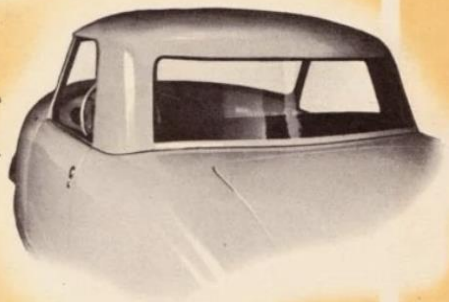
LIGHTS, too, are in character with the Davis "new look"—as you'll agree when you see them.



A CURVED, SHATTER-PROOF, plate glass windshield, in step with the aerodynamic styling, yields 30% greater visibility.



ROOMY LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT is more than generous; its latch is operated from the driver's seat, confounds the sneak thief and removes one more unsightly protuberance from the car's exterior.



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**Saturday 3rd  
October 2026**

**Parliament House  
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## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - NORTHERN SECTION



Saturday June 27th was a cool and frosty start to our 5th Cancer Council Fundraiser but soon the clubrooms were warm, the urn steaming as Northern Section members and families were joined by members of the MG Club making about 55 in total, to enjoy a morning tea and some fun together.

Many thanks to our members who contributed to the bountiful table and donating prizes and goods for the trade table. To all who gave so generously, thanks for your wonderful support of the Cancer Council, who provide many numerous

different services and assistance to families and those who have had a cancer diagnosis. Through your efforts and support we raised \$2,200. What a fabulous result - it was greatly appreciated.

*Mike and Marion*



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## TORQUE ABOUT CLUB LEGENDS

### *Joe Clippingdale – (Northern Section)*

Born September 1949 at the Queen Victoria Hospital Launceston. Joe is the 9th of 10 children. He is also the first 'Australian' child in the family. Mum and Dad Migrated from England in 1948 to Glengarry where Joe, his 3 brothers and 6 sisters grew up on the family apple orchard.

He started school at Exeter Primary School then went on to St Pats in Launceston. Joe said he didn't like school and left as soon as he was able. He said there were enough 'Degrees' in the rest of the family so he didn't need one. However, as his siblings graduated, his father bought them all a watch, so not to miss out, he got a job and bought his own. Joe worked at the local orchards after school then when he left, he worked at the Edgell Food Cannery during 'pea season'.

Joe met Julie when he was about 16 and Julie about 14 through Julie's brother (Tony Anderson). The friendship blossomed and by 1971 they were married. Today they lovingly tell you, they have 3 children, 1 son and 2 daughters, 4 grandsons and 3 granddaughters and are extremely proud of them all.

Eventually Joe worked with Dad on the farm and also did a bit of crop spraying. When Dad wanted to retire, Joe and Julie went to the bank and became the new owners of the farm. Times were tough. There wasn't much money in apples so they bought 20 cows and started a dairy farm. They had a farm dog (Kim) that used to reliably get the cows in on her own. Then one VERY hot day the cows didn't arrive, Joe called Kim several times but all he heard was yap, yap, yap. So, thinking that there may be a snake or something holding her back, went to investigate, still calling her and still only getting yap, yap, yap. Eventually he found her swimming in the dam, still answering with yap, yap, yap every time she was called. It was a VERY hot day!

Their biggest monthly check for that year was \$351, so he and Julie both went back to work. He remembers having 4 jobs, getting up at 4.30am, having a good breakfast, (the most important meal of the day) milking the cows, do his 'AI' round, pouring concrete at the cement casting works in Exeter, working in the apple shed then back to milk again. Meanwhile, Julie had calves to feed and children to look after as well as working at her own job in the insurance industry in Launceston and later for Joes old boss at the crop spraying business in Exeter.

They eventually sold that farm and bought another at Western Creek, where Julie said was paradise for 360 days a year. On the other 5 days there were some of the worst storms you could ever imagine.

Julie said Joe was interested in cars before he was born. She is sure he was born with wheels instead of legs and the passion has also passed on somewhat, to their children and grandchildren.

Joe's first car was a 1938 Plymouth that he bought for £5. It had no tail shaft. Did you know Plymouths had 2 different size tail shafts? Joe found that out. He said he has had 50 or 60 cars over the years. Mostly before he was married, he couldn't afford them afterwards. His favourite was a little Anglia 105E ... and he wished he never sold that '38 Ford Coupe. Does he have a dream car? Lots, mostly Italian ... ooh, a Maserati Sebring.

Joe's other interests include farming, cricket and family. And he hopes he was better as a farmer and family man than he was a cricketer. A batting average of 1 is not going to win any awards.

In 1968 Joe and Tony Anderson both applied to join the club. Joe is still not happy that Tony's application was accepted before his. He thinks that support from Geoff Paine and Mick Bartels overcame the objections from those who knew he was trying to get into speedway, He was totally inactive in the Club while on the



farm, until about 10 or 12 years ago when he was asked to go on committee, he said “only if Julie can come too as I’m not driving in for meetings on my own”. (I don’t know that Julie has forgiven him for that) He eventually took on the role of President in about 2017 and has had the job ever since, except for 1 year while he was dealing with prostate cancer, when Tony took on the position. He also held the position of State President for 2 years during Covid.

Joe remembers walking down the street in those inactive years and Les Flood would call out, “when are you going to get that ‘Falcon Knight’ on the road”. He did, after 24 years, ... for the 1993 World Rally. He has enjoyed meeting people and making many friends from all over on these Rallies. At the Northern Clubrooms recently, Alan Smith played a slide show of some of the cars from previous Rallies. There were some beautiful cars there, Joe wonders where they are now!!

*By Teena Giustini*

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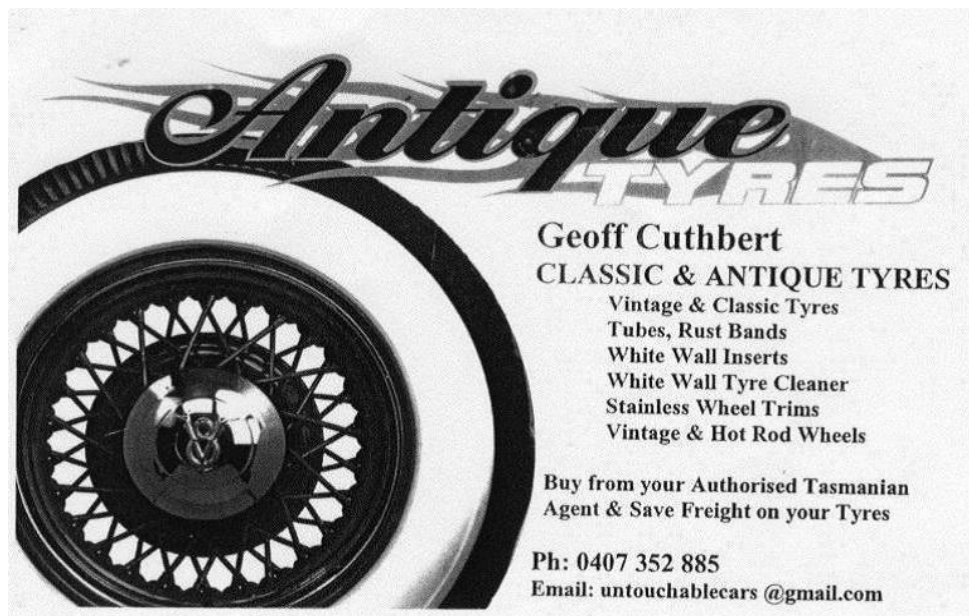
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While the Tour will run as most years Saturday to Monday, we are considering extending it to perhaps Tuesday and Wednesday if there is enough interest, where we have plans for good day runs to some interesting venues. These days would be a social extension of the Tour. For those requiring accommodation this may help in getting a better price per night if staying longer.

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### Visit to Fortitude Tramway at Penguin Sunday 5th July

Northwest VCCA member Simon Hutchinson purchased a 0.8 hectare property with the idea of one day building a 71/4" gauge railway. The rail line began with the purchase of suitable size discarded rail track and turntable from the Don River Railway. He began by building one of his favourite Hobart trams No.141 which is preserved in the Tasmanian Transport Museum in Glenorchy; it is true to scale despite being stretched in the vertical plane. Motorised bogies for No.141 arrived, together with electrical control equipment enabling 141 to run under its own power in February 2018. Length 2000mm, Width 600mm, Height 1650mm. Work began on MONTPELLIER the articulated tram in December 2019. The design employs a central chassis which contains two batteries, the end chassis units attach to the central section via trailer hitches, Length 3440mm, Width 620mm, Height 1610mm. Simon has also built two other trams Los Angeles Railway 665, and a steampunk styled tram not based upon any particular prototype. All trams are powered by 240 Watt 24 Volt motors chain driven to the axles. The club members thank Simon for showing us around the railway and giving a detailed outline of the construction time line. Thank You. *Laurie Belchambers*



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